THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF POWER (DR. S. VENUGOPALACHARI): (a) Government of India was informed of the details of the renegotiated agreement for Dabhol Power Project by the Government of Maharashtra in March, 1996.

(b) Some of the major features where the revived proposal differs from the earlier proposal, *inter-alia* are:

Capacity— The project is revived as an integrated project with Phase-I (740 MW) and Phase-II (1444 MW) thereby increasing the capacity from 2015 MW to 2184 MW for the total project.

Fuel— Naphtha from Indian resources as far as possible to be used as primary fuel for Phase-I and Liquified Natural Gas (LNG) to be used as primary fuel after commissioning of Phase-II with multi-fuel arrangements.

(c) As per the information made available by Government of Maharashtra in the revived project there has been a reduction of US 330M in the cost of the equipments and associated soft costs due to fall in international prices of equipments.

(d) Yes, Sir.

Assam Gas Cracker Project

1828. SHRI SHIV CHARAN SINGH : Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state the progress of Assam Gas Cracker Project, vis-a-vis targets, as on date?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (SHRI T.R. BALU): A company has been incorporated to implement the Assam Gas Cracker Project. 350 acres of land at Tennaghat has been handed over to company. Action is being taken to acquire more land. The company is taking steps to obtain environmental clearance from the concerned authorities. IDBI is being approached for loans for the project. The Ministry of Finance has been moved for external commercial borrowings. Preliminary discussions are in progress for selecting the technology. The validity of the letter of Intent has been extended upto middle of 1997.

Subsiding the cost of unoccupied DDA Flats

1829. SHRI O.P. KOHLI: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to refer to answers to Unstarred Questions 385 and 472 given in the Rajya Sabha on 29th February and 8th July, 1996 respectively and state:

(a) whether the prices of the DDA flats which are lying vacant for want of amenities has increased over the period;

(b) if so, the details thereof and the reasons for the registrants to bear the brunt of the escalation for the lapse on the part of Government; and

(c) whether any proposal is under Government's consideration to subsidise the cost of flats, to safeguard the interests of the registrants?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF URBAN AFFAIRS AND EMPLOYMENT (DR. U. VENKATESWARLU): (a) to (c) DDA has reported that the disposal price of the flats as demanded from the allottee is linked to the date on which the demand-cum-allotment letters are issued. The non-accepted flats, when re-allotted are sold on current prices.

The costing of DDA flats is done on no profit no loss basis. As the Authority is not getting any subsidy/grant from the Government for construction of flats and development of land the cost has to be recovered from the registrants. In the case of LIG & EWS categories, however, the cost is subsidised to the extent that land cost being charged from these categories is 0.75% and 0.50% respec-

tively of the break even rates. Moreover, in the case of EWS houses, the departmental charges are levied at the rate of 6.5% against the normal rate of 10% and no administrative charges are imposed. The cost of these houses is further subsidised to the extent of Rs. 2,000/- per flat.

Impropoer utilization of funds for bore-wells

1830. SHRI V. NARAYANASAMY: Will the Minister of RURAL AREAS AND EMPLOYMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government's attention has been drawn to the fact that the funds meant for boring wells in the rural areas have not been properly utilised by the State Governments;

(b) if so, the names of the States that have not utilised the funds provided to them for the purpose; and

(c) the steps taken by Government to set up a monitoring agency or allow the NGOs set up for the purpose to keep a watch over the States in the matter of proper utilisation of funds meant for bore wells, to augment the water supply in the rural areas for the benefit of poor farmers, as also to ensure pure drinking water to the people living in the rural areas?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RURAL AREAS AND EMPLOYMENT (SHRI CHANDRADEO PRASAD VARMA): (a) No such report has been received in this regard.

(b) Does not arise.

(c) The proper utilisation of funds released to the States and Union Territories for drinking water supply in the rural areas is monitored through monthly, quarterly and annual progress reports, utilisation certificates sent by the States and the certificate of actual expenditure from the concerned Accountant General of the State.

गांवों का विद्युतीकरण

1831. **श्री राम जेठमलानी:** क्या **प्रधान मंत्री** यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि:

(क) क्या यह सच है कि देश में कुल 5.78 लाख गांवों का विद्युतीकरण किया जाना शेष है;

(ख) यदि नहीं, तो उनकी वास्तविक कुल संख्या कितनी है;

(ग) क्या यह भी सच है कि अब तक 86 प्रतिशत गांवों का विद्युतीकरण किया गया है;

(घ) यदि नहीं, तो इस संबंध में सरकारी आंकड़े क्या हैं;

(ङ) शेष गांवों का विद्युतीकरण किए जाने के लक्ष्य को कब तक प्राप्त कर लिए जाने की संभावना है;

(च) क्या यह भी सच है कि 86 प्रतिशत गांवों का विद्युतीकरण किए जाने के बावजूद ग्रामीण क्षेत्र द्वारा कुल उत्पादित बिजली का मात्र 28 प्रतिशत ही उपयोग किया जाता है; और

(छ) यदि नहीं, तो इस संबंध में सरकारी आंकड़े क्या हैं?

विद्युत मंत्रालय में राज्य मंत्री (डा० एस० वेणुगोपालाचारी): (क) और (ख) जी, नहीं। 31.3.96 की उपलब्ध सूचना के अनुसार देश में 80,927 गांवों का विद्युतीकरण किया जाना शेष है।

(ग) से (ङ) मार्च, 1996 के अंत तक 86.6% गांवों के विद्युतीकृत होने की सूचना है। शेष बचे हुए गांवों को नौवीं तथा उसके बाद की पंचवर्षीय योजनाओं में विद्युतीकृत किया जाएगा, बशर्ते कि निधि एवं अन्य निवेश उपलब्ध हों।

(च) और (छ) कृषि क्षेत्र को अखिल भारतीय बिक्री 1993-94 में कुल ऊर्जा बिक्री का 29.64% थी

Maintenance of Quarters of J-Block, Mandir Marg

1832. SHRI RAJ NATH SINGH: SHRIMATI MALTI SHARMA: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether the quarters in J-Block, Mandir Marg, New Delhi have been de-